

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-76. Canceled.

77. (Previously Presented) A belt for use in a high temperature food processing apparatus configured to process a food product, the belt comprising:

a reinforcement material having a first face and a second face;

a coating disposed over the first face;

a first plurality of flights raised above the first face of the reinforcement material; and

at least one flight raised above the second face of the reinforcement material;

wherein the belt is configured to move the food product through the high temperature food processing apparatus.

78. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the second face is configured to be coupled to a second belt comprising at least one of a chain belt, a wire belt, and a metal belt.

79. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights have a sufficient density such that a flight would always be in contact with a hamburger bun.

80. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the belt is configured to be mounted in the food processing apparatus such that the belt contacts a first surface of the food product and the food product will be toasted on a second surface of the food product.

81. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of about 0.020 inches to about 0.050 inches.

82. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights have a curved shape.
83. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights comprise a plurality of flights parallel to each other.
84. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein a pigment of the coating disposed over the first face is different than a pigment of the first plurality of flights.
85. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the coating disposed over the first face is silicone.
86. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 85, wherein the first plurality of flights comprise silicone.
87. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 86, wherein the first plurality of flights are discontinuous.
88. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, further comprising a plurality of flights raised above the second face of the reinforcement material.
89. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the coating and the ribs are composed of different materials.
90. (Previously Presented) The belt of claim 77, wherein the longitudinal direction of the first plurality of flights is transverse to the longitudinal direction of the conveyor belt.
91. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, further comprising a second plurality of flights raised above the second face, wherein the second plurality of flights are straight and parallel to each other and the longitudinal direction of the flights is transverse to the longitudinal direction of the conveyor belt, and the second plurality of flights are arranged in a repeating pattern that is at least one of sinusoidal and undulating.

92. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the belt is configured to be mounted in the heating apparatus such that the belt contacts a first face of food items and a heating element of the heating zone is configured to contact a second face of food items as the belt moves food items through the heating zone.
93. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the at least one flight raised above the second face of the belt is configured to contact a second belt and the first face of the belt is configured to contact food items.
94. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of at least about 0.020 inches.
95. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein longitudinal directions of flights raised above the first face and the second face are transverse to a longitudinal direction of the belt.
96. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights have a density of at least one flight per linear foot of the flexible belt.
97. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights form an undulating pattern.
98. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of up to about 0.050 inches.
99. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 98, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of at least about 0.020 inches.
100. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the belt has a structure that is continuous.
101. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus belt of claim 77, wherein the belt is configured to be coupled to a second belt that has an open structure.

102. (Currently Amended) A high temperature food processing apparatus configured to process a food product, the apparatus comprising:

a heating zone configured to process the food item; and

a belt configured to move the food product through the heating zone, the belt comprising,

a reinforcement material having a first face and a second face;

a coating disposed over the first face;

a first plurality of flights raised above the first face of the reinforcement material; and

a second plurality of flights raised above the second face of the reinforcement material;

wherein the belt is configured to withstand the temperatures of the heating zone; and

wherein the belt and a heating element of the heating zone are arranged such that the belt contacts a first face of food items and the heating zone toasts a second face of food items.

103. (Cancelled)

104. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, further comprising a second belt comprising at least one of a chain belt, wire belt, and metal belt, wherein the belt is configured to be coupled to the second belt.

105. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, further comprising a second belt, wherein the belt is mounted such that the second plurality of flights contact the second belt and the first plurality of flights contact food items.

106. (Cancelled)

107. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~106~~ 102, wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the heating element of the heating zone is configured to contact the second face of food items.

108. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein longitudinal directions of flights raised above the first face and the second face

are transverse to a longitudinal direction of the belt.

109. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein flights raised above one face are straight and parallel to each other and the longitudinal direction of the flights is transverse to the longitudinal direction of the conveyor belt, and ribs raised above another face are arranged in a repeating pattern that is at least one of undulating and sinusoidal.

110. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein the first plurality of flights have a density of at least one rib per linear foot of the belt.

111. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein the first plurality of flights form a pattern of undulating flights.

112. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of up to about 0.050 inches.

113. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim 112, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of at least about 0.020 inches.

114. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein the first plurality of flights have a height of at least about 0.020 inches.

115. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein the belt has a structure that is continuous.

116. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim 115, wherein the contact toaster comprises a second belt coupled to the belt.

117. (Previously Presented) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim 116, wherein the second belt has an open structure.

118. (Currently Amended) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim ~~103~~ 102, wherein ~~the belt moves food items through a vertical path~~ the apparatus is a vertically oriented toasting machine.

119. (New) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim 102, wherein the belt is configured to move food products through the heating zone such that food products will

slide along a stationary toasting surface such that the food product is toasted as it slides.

120. (New) The high temperature food processing apparatus of claim 102, wherein the apparatus is configured to toast items in a continuous toasting operation.